Application to run a market from Sheik Rawther Brothers.

138. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Sheik Rawther Brothers had applied for license to run a market at Koravancheri in the Talappalli Taluk in 1107 and whether one had been granted to them;

(b) whether there were conditions attached to the grant; and if so, what were they;

(c) whether any notice was sent to them calling upon them to remit the license fee of Rs. 100 for 1108;

(d) whether there were conditions mentioned in that notice;

(e) will a copy of the notice be placed on the table;

(f) whether they were given license for 1103;

(g) if not, why were they refused license?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The condition was that the market should cease to function when the proposal to establish a Sirkar market at Vadakkancheri near the Railway Station becomes an accomplished fact.

(c) Yes.

(d) No, except the call for an application for license.

(e) A copy of the notice is appended. (*Appendix IV*).

(f) and (g) Not yet. The question is under consideration.

Opening of Sirkar Market in Vadakkancheri.

139. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they had at any time in 1107 or thereabouts contemplated starting an arecanut market in Vadakkancheri;

(b) whether the then Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer Dr. Rao had not inspected sites at Vadakkancheri for the same;

(c) whether he had not submitted reports regarding the same;

(d) what led to the above action of the Government;

(e) how does the matter stand now;

(f) will the papers connected with the above be placed on the Council table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. They considered the question of opening a Sirkar market in Vadakkancheri.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The proposal came up for consideration in the course of enquiring into several petitions and counter-petitions on the subject.

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(e) The proposal was dropped.

(f) Vide answer to sub-division (b) of question No. 137.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know when the license as a matter of fact is issued to the party for running a market for any particular year? Is it generally granted prior to the first of Chingam or in the course of the year after money is remitted sufficiently early?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice to give the exact date. To the best of my recollection it is issued as soon as the original license expires. I am not quite sure.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In appendix IV the following is given—'Please take notice that the license to run your private market for 1108 has to be renewed by remitting the license fee of Rs. 100 into the Government Treasury and forwarding the application for license with the chalan attached to this office on or before the 15th of Karkadagam 1107. Necessary form is herein enclosed". Was this notice complied with?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The notice was issued to the party.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did he not remit the money before the 15th of Karkadagam 1107?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think he remitted the money.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At the time of issuing the notice was it not the intention of Government to issue a first class license for Rs. 100?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was a notification for application for license.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it not the intention at that time to grant him a license if he would remit the money and satisfy the ordinary conditions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Provided nothing subsequent happened before granting the license.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what has subsequently happened?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A general ruling by the Government that when there are private markets, another market should not be allowed to be started near by.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know which that ruling is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a D. P.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Which D. P.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was given yesterday, I think.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it the order disposing of the petition of Sheik Rowther Brothers?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a D. P. in connection with these facts. There are several petitions—more than one. I am not sure whether this has reference to the particular petition or not. There were several petitions from more than one party.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not Government aware of the 7 miles limit when in 1107 the licensee was given a license to run a market at Koravancheri?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has not been brought to the notice of the Darbar then.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it brought to the notice of the Darbar subsequently?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was brought to the notice of the Government by the Vakils who argued the case.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Vakils argued the case only after the refusal.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there not a petition of Sheik Rowther to allow him to run a market at Vadakkancheri on the dates that are allowed to the Ottupara Market owner?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice as to what exactly the petition was. There was more than one. I do not remember the exact contents.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Had the D. P. which cancelled the license of the Market anything to do with the Kuruvancheri question, or has it any reference to this market?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was an order that will apply to every part of the State.

Mr.P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said that the D.P. is to the effect that within 7 miles no license should be issued. What is under the consideration of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A further petition came after the date of the D. P. and it was referred to the Government Advocate.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is understood that the licensee, I believe, expect that the Government would issue the license to him as entered into contract and if it is pending like this, it will be creating hardship on him. May I request the Government to issue early orders?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The orders will be issued as early as possible, but there are several petitions.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With reference to answer to Sub-division (e), are the Government aware that though the

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license is given to one individual, more than 100 purchasers congregate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have no information as to the exact number. The market is a prosperous one.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a market where people go to purchase and sell?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is it not necessary that the Government should invest a very large amount to derive a large gain from that, if it conducts a market?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Of course the Government will have to spend a pretty large amount.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not the custom in Municipalities to spend large amounts and get larger amounts out of it?

President.—Is it in connection with this question?

Dr. A R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that by spending money Government can expect more money out of it like the Municipalities do?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I answered that question previously that Government can get absolute monopoly provided the other one is suppressed, which the law does not allow.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is that law which stands in the way.

President.—No discussion is allowed.

Opening of a Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

140. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether anything has been done as yet to give effect to the decision of the Government to open a Central Ayurvedic Hospital in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Action is in progress.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated that action is in progress. May I know how far you have advanced with the Central Ayurvedic Hospital?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A very bare outline was sketched by the Darbar and information is being called for from the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Has any decision been definitely arrived at as to the location of the Central Ayurvedic Hospital?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is proposed to be at Trichur.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is there any acquisition of site?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is only an amount ten thousand rupees.

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